extremity of Cranganur and in its vicinity there are a large number of rice shops, for example, in Kavil, Sringapuram, Kottappuram. There are a large number of retail and perhaps wholesale shops and rice-mills which can cater to the needs of the people there. If it is removed to some central position, that would cater to the needs of the public in a better way. The hon'ble member has not himself seen the shop.

Mr. President: The object is to supply to the shops in the vicinity.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* I may respectfully bring to the notice of the Hon'ble President that those shops are already getting bags and bags from Cochin and Ernakulam and it is to the people who are in the heart of the taluk that this depot is necessary.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* You are not put to the least difficulty. You are in a better position now. We have to get rice through the backwaters.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* May I bring to the notice of the Government that the backwater is not confined to the north and south direction only and there is a bigger backwater which is lying east to west, what is called the Kanjirapuzha. The other is only the Konoli canal. The Hon'ble Member said that the depot is near the backwater. It is a misstatement.

Mr. Ismail Hajee Issa Sait *(Mattancheri):* May I know whether any complaints have been received from the Cranganur Magistrate for not getting rice for the public?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Not received.

Mr. Ismail Hajee Essa Sait *(Mattancheri):* How many depots were opened in Cranganur?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Only one.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Has the Government any method of finding out whether there is rice?

Mr. President: It does not arise out of this question.

Mr. Ismail Hajee Essa Sait *(Mattancheri):* May I know whether the Government has issued any order to sell out at certain hours a day?

Mr. President: That also does not arise from this question.

STARTING OF GOVERNMENT RICE DEPOTS—EFFECT ON THE MARKETS

17. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that the market rate per bag of rice rose as soon as Government started a depot there; and if the answer is in the affirmative, will Government kindly state the reasons for this?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* No. On the other hand the starting of Government depots had a stabilising effect on the market.

ADJOURNMENT OF SALES OF IMMOVEABLE PROPERTIES— CIRCULAR REGARDING

18. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether Government or High Court has given any instructions to the lower courts to adjourn sale of immoveable properties if the judgment-debtor deposits in advance in cash the interest at 6 per cent of the total decree debt for the period for which the sale is adjourned in addition to the day cost;

(*b*) if not, will Government be pleased to advise the High Court that instructions as suggested in the sub-division (*a*) be issued to the lower courts?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):*

(*a*) The High Court has not given any such instructions.

(*b*) No such instructions are necessary in view of the existing powers the courts possess under the law.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* So a court can adjourn sales provided 6 per cent interest is paid in advance for the period of sale?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* No emphasis can be laid on the 6 per cent. If a reasonable amount is paid up, the courts have got discretion to adjourn sales. For the information of the hon'ble member I shall read the instructions contained in a circular issued by the High Court:

> "It has come to the notice of the judges that there is apprehension on the part of the litigant public that the instructions contained in Civil Circular No. 2 of 1109 are not being followed by some of the subordinate courts in the spirit in which that circular was conceived. If this is true, it is extremely regrettable. Three matters of grievance were brought to the prominent notice of the Government by the non-official members during the last Budget Session of the Legislative Council. They are (1) sales of immovable properties are not sometimes adjourned even if an appreciable portion of the decree-debt

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